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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, mailed October 6, 2003, in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group VII, drawn to screening methods using human patched. Applicants elect this invention with traverse, because claims 20 and 21 encompass overlapping subject matter based on screening methods using any patched. Accordingly, searches related to the use of, for example, human or mouse patched are co-extensive, and Groups VII-X could be examined simultaneously without significant additional burden. Applicants' contention that searches relevant to each of these inventions are co-extensive is further underscored by the fact that these inventions are classified in the same class and subclass. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully elect Group VII with traverse, but request that the inventions of Groups VII-X be rejoined.